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**BY ECF**

Honorable Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Bradley v. The New York City Dep't of Educ., et al.*,  
16 Civ. 07043 (RA) (KNF)  
Our No. 2016-037229

Dear Judge Abrams:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Zachary W. Carter, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, attorney for defendants The New York City Department of Education ("BOE"), and David Fanning in the above-referenced action. Defendants respectfully write on behalf of all parties to provide the Court with a status update.

Discovery is completed in this matter, including depositions. The parties have discussed settlement since their last appearance, and are optimistic that the matter can be resolved through mediation. Defendants apologize for this late filing, which resulted from difficulties in being able to discuss the matter with BOE personnel at the beginning of a new school year and the Comptroller's Office. As settlement appears to be a viable option, the parties respectfully request that Your Honor refer this action to the Southern District's Mediation Program for further assistance.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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